



EXCITING AERIAL CONTEST STARTED

Nine Balloons Start in an International Race at St. Louis Yesterday.

EXPECT TO BEAT THE RECORD

American, German, French and English Aeromats in Non-Dirigible Balloons Sailing the Air—All Expect to Beat the Record of 404 Miles.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 21.—Drifting along the direction just west of north when lost to view in the haze of falling night and with a freshening breeze from southwest behind them, nine bag balloons are competing tonight for the honor attached to winning the second international aeronautic cup race. A stiffer wind would have been more welcome to the aeromats, but a five-mile breeze of lower air strata gave promise of splendid racing currents in the higher altitudes. The Germans acting on this theory reached for higher courses right from the start. The French and English aeromats were more conservative and selected the middle depth, while the Americans raced away at an altitude which seemed to take them just clear of the trees and housetops. So low in fact did two of them balance their cars that there was grave danger of the baskets raking over the crowded grandstand and intense excitement prevailed. One of the largest balloons in the race, came so close to the grandstand that it was seized by a squad of soldiers and swept back to a safer point and sent away two minutes after the official word was given. In the race there are three balloons representing America, three representing Germany, two France and one for England. The record for racing established last year by Lieutenant Lahm, of the U. S., in flight from Paris to England is 402 miles, but each aeromats in today's contest expects to beat that record. The start was spectacular in the extreme and was witnessed by a throng variously estimated from 60,000 to 150,000. None of the balloons let loose today were fitted with dirigible devices and the contest throughout in taking advantage of such air currents as are encountered and in handling ballast to the best advantage. The first five days of the meet will be devoted to aeromats. Today the principal feature of the entire aeronautic meet opened the program, when the nine balloons ascended in the international long distance race for the Bennett Cup. Tuesday there will be a contest for aeroplanes or flying machines of the heavier air type, with total prizes of \$250. Thursday the contest of flying machines for the Scientific American Cup will be held. Friday will be "free for all" day, in which any kind of air craft that will get above the ground may participate in the contest to win the Lahm Cup, which has just been won by Aeromats McCoy and Chandler, in their long balloon flight from St. Louis to West Virginia. The first international contest was held last year at Paris, at which Lieutenant Frank P. Lahm, of the United States Cavalry, by a flight of 402 miles, won the James Gordon Bennett Cup, the trophy of the contest. The cup is an object of art in massive silver, valued at \$2500, and was offered by James Gordon Bennett to the aeromats covering the longest distance in a single flight. If the cup is won three times in succession by an aeromats, it then becomes the property of the aeronautic club of which he is a member. The winner of the cup in each international contest by the terms of the donor will receive in addition a prize of \$2500 in cash, together with one-half of the entry fees and forfeits. The contestant finishing second will receive one-third, and the contestant finishing third, the remainder fees and forfeits. This second competition or the Bennett Cup was organized by the Aero Club of America,

under the rules of the International Aeronautic Federation, and will be conducted under the auspices of the Aero Club of St. Louis.

Aeronautic interests centers chiefly on the international balloon race. According to the announcement of the Aero Club, the first balloon, the Pommern, was sent up at 4 p. m. today, and the others followed at not less than five minute intervals. The balloons entered in the race, their pilots and the company who accompanied each pilot, the country represented and the cubic feet of gas capacity of each balloon are as follows, given in the order in which they started:

- Pommern, Germany, Oscar Erbsloch, A. Lawrence, 77,000.
 - United States, America, Major H. B. Harsey, A. T. Ather, 75,250.
 - L'Isle de France, France, Alfred Leblanc, E. W. Mix, 77,000.
 - Duesseldorf, Germany, Captain Hugo von Abereron, H. Heldmann, 77,000.
 - Lotus II, England, G. Brewer, Lieutenant Brabason, 75,250.
 - America, America, J. C. McCoy, Captain Chandler, 77,000.
 - Anjou, France, Rene Gasnier, Charles Leves, 79,500.
 - Abereron, Germany, Paul Meckel, Herr Polantz, 60,000.
 - St. Louis, America, Alan R. Hawley, Aug. Post, 77,000.
- All the details of the race are in charge of a committee appointed by the Aero Club of America.

MORE EARTHQUAKES.

FLORENCE, Italy, Oct. 21.—The observatory here reports a heavy seismic disturbance westward between 5:20 and 8:12 this morning.

WRECKED ON ROCK

British Steamer Bound for Astoria Wrecked.

NONE OF CREW WERE LOST

Is Believed That Strong Currents Near the Rocks Caused the Disaster—Vessel Was Fourteen Miles Out of Her Course When She Struck.

CRESCENT CITY, Cal., Oct. 21.—The British freight steamer Queen Christina struck on North Seal Rocks, eight miles northwest of this place, at 1:30 a. m. today. Sixteen members of the crew reached here in boats at 10:45 this morning and 16 others landed on the rocks.

She lies on an even keel three miles from shore on the south side of Pt. St. George, four miles up the coast from Crescent City. She is on a sunken rock with water all around her. The vessel was 14 miles out of her course when she struck. There is a heavy sea there.

There are four fathoms of water around the steamer. When the crew left the vessel her pumps were still going and her bulkhead was holding. She will prove a total loss. The steamer Navarro left here at noon for the scene of the wreck. It is believed that the heavy prevailing winds and the strong currents near the rocks caused the disaster. The Queen Christina Captain Harris, left San Francisco on October 19, in ballast for Astoria, Or.

MEXICAN BANDIT CAUGHT.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 21.—Special dispatches to this city report that the leader of the gang which last week stole \$15,000 worth of bullion from the precipitating room of the Kuanajura Consolidated Mining & Milling Company, had been captured after being wounded three times. With him was taken all the stolen bullion. In his confession he implicated 40 persons, who have been arrested.

SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

TOKIO, Oct. 21.—The armored cruiser Kurama, 14,900 tons, was successfully launched this afternoon in the presence of the Emperor and Empress. She is expected to develop a speed of 21 3-4 knots.

UNITED STATES ON ITS DIGNITY

Judge Lochren of U. S. District Court Fines Attorney General for Contempt.

RIGHTS OF SOVEREIGN STATE

In an Attempt to Enforce the Commodity Rate Law Enacted by the Last Legislature of Minnesota Attorney-General Young Was Fined \$100.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 21.—Attorney-General Young of Minnesota was adjudged in contempt of court by Judge Lochren in the United States district court and fined \$100 which he refused to pay. Appeal to the United States supreme court will be taken in the form of an application for a writ of habeas corpus and Mr. Young has been remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal and the question of whether a U. S. court has the right to enjoin a state from enforcing its laws will thus be finally disposed of. The question involved is whether an officer or servant of sovereign state can be sued. It came up in an attempt to enforce the commodity rate law enacted by the last legislature. Judge Lochren enjoined Attorney-General Young from enforcing the law. Thereupon Attorney-General Young brought mandamus proceedings in court to compel the railroad to revise their rates according to state law.

FUNERAL OF MRS. DOLPH.

PORTLAND, Oct. 21.—The body of Mrs. Augusta Mulkey Dolph, widow of the late United States Senator J. N. Dolph, who died October 4, of pneumonia, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walker Thornton, in Paris, France, arrived in Portland last night and was taken to the residence of Richard Nixon, her son-in-law, on Hawthorne, near Prettyman avenue. Marion Dolph went to New York and accompanied his sister and the remains of his mother across the continent. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the White Temple, and were largely attended. Brief services were held at the home of Mr. Nixon previously and afterward at Riverview Cemetery, where the interment took place. Rev. J. Whitcomb Brounger preached the sermon, paying an appropriate tribute to the life of a worthy Christian woman. The floral offerings were extraordinary. The active pallbearers were W. M. Ladd, U. S. Malcolm, J. N. Teal, Paul R. Dady, F. V. Holman and T. Scott.

Brooke. The honorary pallbearers were General A. W. Greeley, H. W. Scott, John McCracken, J. B. Cleland, Joseph Simon, D. W. Wakefield, B. G. Whitehouse and F. K. Arnold.

Insurance Men Say Anti-Trust Action is Not Specific in Charges.

SAY KANSAS SUIT MAY FAIL.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 13.—It is the opinion of insurance men here that the anti-trust suit started by Charles Barnes, insurance commissioner and Attorney-General Jackson will not terminate in the manner contemplated by these two men. The object of the suit to compel the insurance companies to cease using the Eldridge rate books, and the defendant companies won the first round of the engagement last week when they succeeded in compelling the state to redraft its petition and make it more definite and certain.

One insurance man of prominence has this to say on the subject: "This case is taking exactly the same course that the other one did. The insurance companies have demanded that the state quit dealing in generalities, and be specific, setting forth some particular risk in which it is claimed that the insurance companies combined to fix a rate. Judge Dana is holding exactly as Judge Hasen did on this matter, namely, that the state must give definite information, and make its charges specific."

SCHOOL CONVENTION AT CARLTON.

CARLTON, Ore., Oct. 19.—The 25th annual session of the Yamhill County Sunday School Association began at this place yesterday morning with an attendance of 90 delegates. The reports show that there are 52 Sunday schools in the county, Rev. C. A. Phipps, state field worker, is here, and considerable interest is being manifested. Among the delegates is Rev. Joseph Hoberg, of McMinnville, who was the prime mover in organizing the association 25 years ago, and was one of the principal speakers. Rev. L. W. Riley, president of the Baptist College at McMinnville, spoke last evening on "Ideals and Education." Taken as a whole, the Sunday school workers are very much encouraged.

MAY AVERT STRIKE.

DENVER, Oct. 21.—Operator R. H. Skeggs, of Grand Junction, Colo., who was discharged from his position as wire chief on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad at that place, has been called to Denver to confer with President Perham, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. This is a move in the direction of peace, as it is believed that another conference with Vice-President Schiacks will take place today or tomorrow, at which Skeggs will be present. It is believed that the official of the road, rather than incur a serious case that will be satisfactory to both sides.

FIRST BATTLE BEING FOUGHT

Forces of Sultan Abdul Aziz and Mulai Hafig Met Yesterday.

THE PRETENDER VICTORIOUS

According to Reports Eight of the Pretender's Troops Defeated the Sultan's Troops and Captured Several Pieces of Artillery.

TANGIER, Oct. 21.—On October 17 between Shawia and Maquines occurred the first battle between the forces of Sultan Abdul Aziz and Mulai Hafig, pretender to the throne and known as Sultan of the South. The latter was overwhelmingly victorious and the triumph is of great importance as a strengthening sentiment in favor of Mulai Hafig. According to the reports eight regiments of the pretender's troops under the command of Mulai Rachid defeated the Sultan's troops and captured several pieces of artillery, together with Caid Bagdani Aziz, commander in chief. The ambushing yesterday of the French reconnoitering party proceeding from Casa Blanca toward Taddert which resulted in the killing of Captain Janny and wounding six men will, it is said, result in the resumption of hostilities on the part of the French troops.

THE MIGHTY FALLEN.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Followed by jeers and hisses, S. J. Small, ex-president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, left Ulrich's Hall in tears yesterday afternoon. He did not get the vindication which he sought at the hands of the rank and file of the local union.

As Small left the hall he appeared broken-hearted and declared he had given up the fight for the restoration to his former position. His successor, W. W. Beattie, of Washington, who was vice-president of the organization, was formally recognized as the new head of the union. He announced that his policy would be an aggressive one.

When the meeting opened, President Small, who had been waiting in an ante-room, for a chance to be heard, was invited to the platform. Hardly had he ascended the steps to the platform, when a number of strikers got up and left the room. The others hooted and hissed so that the words of the former president were drowned. In a pathetic way he appealed to the older members of the union saying he had children and that they should not be disgraced by the branding of their father as dishonest without one bit of evidence and without a hearing.

This appeal, however, had little effect, although a great many of the strikers after the meeting had adjourned agreed that Small had been treated shamefully and at least should have been received with a common decency. It was voted to assess broker and leased wire operators two days' pay each week in lieu of calling them out on strike.

FISH HAS UPPER HAND.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Stuyvesant Fish early today secured a postponement of the Illinois Central stockholders' meeting until December 18. The Harriman people agreed to the adjournment although they had previously been anxious to push matters as rapidly as possible.

The decision to adjourn the meeting was the result of a conference held at 3 o'clock this morning between William Nelson Cromwell for Mr. Harriman and Judge E. H. Farrar for Mr. Fish. The overtures came from Mr. Cromwell, who sought out the Fish people and declared that he wished to come to some sort of agreement. He was informed by Judge Farrar that the only agreement that could be reached was to accept the terms of Mr. Fish, which would be adjournment until December 18, and a decision of the court, if the Harriman peo-

ple so decided, to determine the right to vote the 296,718 shares of stock against which a temporary injunction was issued by Judge Ball, one week ago. After an extended conference Mr. Cromwell assented.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Edward A. Purcell and Charles W. Brown, the motorman and conductor, respectively, of car No. 1575, who shot four passengers, killing two, in a riot at Folk and Sutter streets, on Saturday, were formally charged with murder last night. Otis P. Eberwein, one of the victims of the affair, died yesterday morning at 1 o'clock at the Emergency Hospital.

CALL FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The call for the republican national committee was issued today over the signature of acting chairman New and Secretary Dover. It will be at Shoreham Hotel, Washington, at 11 a. m., December 8. The meeting is called for the purpose of fixing the time and place for holding the next republican national convention.

TAKING EVIDENCE IN JAP CASES.

YANCOOYEE, Oct. 21.—Constituting himself a royal commission, W. L. MacKenzie King, deputy minister of labor, who arrived yesterday from Ottawa, will tomorrow commence taking evidence, under oath, in connection with the claims submitted by Japanese residence for alleged damages sustained in the recent riots.

HEARING POSTPONED

Case of Cong. Williamson Was Assigned for Today.

SOLICITOR GENERAL IS ILL

Argument in the Case of the United States Against Congressman Williamson Was Indefinitely Postponed on Application of Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Upon application of Attorney-General Bonaparte today, the supreme court of the United States has indefinitely postponed the hearing of argument, assigned for today, in the case of the government against former Representative Williams of Oregon, involving charges of land fraud. The illness of the solicitor-general is given as the reason.

NO VALDEZ FOR THEM.

SEATTLE, Oct. 21.—H. D. Reynolds, promoter of a string of Alaska enterprises, which either collapsed or was endangered by the failure of Reynolds' Bank at Valdez and the abandonment of work on the Alaska Home Railway, did not sail for the North on the steamship Yucatan. Seattle creditors have the story that at the last moment before sailing Reynolds receive a tip that he would be in danger of violence if he went to Valdez, and he hurried East instead.

Jesse Martin, cashier of Reynolds' Bank at Valdez, and Frederick T. Fisher, representing Seattle creditors, were to have gone north with Reynolds. Martin did not make the trip, but when Fisher learned Reynolds would not go he stayed in Seattle.

The proposal was made by Reynolds to local creditors that a trustee be named for all his Alaska creditors at Valdez until he has a chance to pull out his properties. This was declined. It is now feared that with Martin on the ground as Reynolds' representative, such action will be taken and Seattle creditors will lose something between \$65,000 and \$100,000.

STRIKING OPERATORS AT WORK.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Nineteen striking Western Union operators of the western division applied for work today and were employed. Several other applicants were rejected.



A PLEASANT PROSPECTSKY. The czar has commanded that Secretary Taft be treated as a Russian nobleman when he arrives in Russia.—News Item.